

# PLANTING GUIDE

## 'SUMTER ORANGE' DAYLILY

Hemerocallis fulva

**Introduction:** 'SUMTER ORANGE' Daylily was developed and released by the USDA Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center located in Americus, Georgia. It was selected from a composite of two daylily accessions that were the best accessions in all categories evaluated at the Americus Plant Materials Center.

It was selected for its superior growth, vigor, rate of spread, flower production, attractiveness and season of bloom for roadbank beautification and erosion control for critical area stabilization. SUMTER ORANGE reproduces rapidly by spreading its underground stolons and can quickly cover a large area. It can tolerate both full sun and shade than most daylilies. This characteristic makes SUMTER ORANGE adapted as a colorful ground cover/erosion control plant in difficult places. Field trials proved that it will tolerate normal highway mowing practices.

**Conservation Uses:** SUMTER ORANGE can be used for roadbank beautification, flower garden landscapes, border plantings for residential constructed wetlands, and erosion control on other sites for critical area stabilization.

**Planting Site:** Select a site such as a roadbank at an intersection needing plant cover for erosion control and beautification.

**Planting Date:** Plant from April through July. Plant when there is good moisture in the soil. Early planting is better so that maximum growth can be obtained to help provide cover.

**Soil Preparation:** The soil should not be compacted. Work the soil material into a friable condition. Planting holes should be dug to a depth of 6 inches.

**Planting Rate:** Space plants 12"x 12". Set plants at a depth so that the point where the main root and leaves join is 1 inch below the soil surface. The smaller roots should be spread out when planted. Each plant should be watered at time of planting.

**Fertilization:** Apply a 5-10-15 fertilizer at the rate of 300 pounds per acre broadcast over the area at time of planting.

**Mulch:** The planted area should be well mulched with pine straw or seed free hay.

### **Maintenance:**

1. Control undesirable weeds during the initial establishment period.
2. Apply 300 pounds of 5-10-15 fertilizer in split applications. The first application should be made in early spring and the second at the time flower buds appear.